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My personal feeling about the proposed Clearing Center is one of hesitance. The ~~same~~ idea is fine but I do think it necessary to create another one. I feel the ~~can~~ can do it without complicating the machinery.

But my concern goes beyond this. According to Peter, research works done in various countries would be cleared by the Center. If this is the basic design I am opposed to it. The peoples of world are already accusing the US as "imperialist" and if we propose to ~~"clear"~~ "clear" academic or intellectual activities of Free Asian people, Communists are bound to accuse us once more as being "imperialistic" even in the field of intellectual activity. ~~This is a very serious problem.~~ This probability we must avoid by all means.

Any organizational ~~with~~ anti-communist efforts with Free Asia ~~has~~ must basically be horizontal and not vertical. Any attempts to "control" in any manner or form will backfire. My suggestion would be that any cooperation with Asian students be attempted without the "Center." ~~is fine~~ is fine for such purpose.~~work~~

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I suggest we have a discussion with Peter on this.

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1. Is the Clearing Center a new organization or an extension of the activities of [REDACTED] ? 25X1A5a1

It seems to me that as the [REDACTED] 25X1A5a1

[REDACTED] gets going and establishes a reputation it can become increasingly a clearing center.

In the meantime, [REDACTED] can keep 25X1A5a1

up his contacts and publicize the [REDACTED] work. He might invite the preparation of studies by foreign scholars which could be published under the [REDACTED] auspices.

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2. Re Eisenhower letter, your idea of making some exploratory inquiries is sound. (Pud)

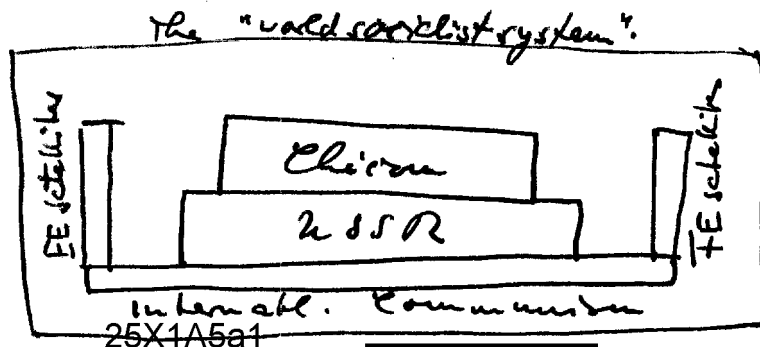
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I am not certain I understand the activities of a clearing center and beyond those of [REDACTED] To my mind, the activities of [REDACTED] and those of a clearing center should be one and the same. In fact, I feel that without an International Communist Center, Sino-Soviet studies will always be a car with three wheels.

I stated in Los Angeles, last July, that to my mind the development of a Sino-Soviet discipline must be built like this: *)



This should be the basic concept of [REDACTED] and it should go without saying that the clearing center activities are but a part of [REDACTED] studies. I would not advise the formation of a clearing center separate from [REDACTED] it would only weaken the latter and create budgetary and administrative difficulties.

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*) This is a conceptual, not an organizational chart.